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1. Koutek, Czechoslovakian Trade Attache in East Berlin, visited the Carl Zeiss VEB in Jena on 21 March 1952. The Zeiss factory had approached Koutek, asking him to investigate the possibility of obtaining Invar steel from Czechoslovakia. Invar steel is needed for the production of the A-1 training device and of delicate measuring devices. Koutek promised to investigate the possibility of such procurement from the Poldi mill in the CSR. He also promised to answer directly to Zeiss

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2. If the Poldi mill is unable to deliver the steel, Zeiss plans to try to obtain Invar through Czechoslovakia.

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